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## PRESS RELEASE

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 01-18-02 / 1:15 AM  
DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 01-17-02 / 7:05 PM  
NATURE OF CALL: SKI ACCIDENT  
LOCATION OF CALL: 1960 SQUAW VALLEY RD.  
CASE NUMBER: SO-02-1004

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On January 17, 2002 at 7:05 PM Truckee Fire paramedics and Squaw Valley Fire personnel responded to Squaw Valley USA concerning an injured child on the ski hill. The child, 16 year old Vladimir Linnik of Citrus Heights, Ca., had been skiing at the bottom of the Riviera Run when he apparently lost control skiing off the run, through a rope barrier and into a light pole. Friends of Linnik witnessed the accident and ran to his aid. Linnik was said to have a very large gash to his forehead and quickly lost consciousness. Ski patrol was quick to order an air ambulance and was able to set-up a landing zone very near Linnik. At about 7:45 PM "Calstar-6", an air ambulance out of S. Lake Tahoe, started for Reno's Washoe Medical Center with Linnik. Linnik was not wearing a safety helmet at the time of the accident. As of 11:30 PM Washoe Medical Center ICU advises that Linnik is in critical condition with his family at his side.

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**RELEASED BY: Sgt. John Giovannini S-15**

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